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FOR MYSORE STATE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Home Department

Memorandum No. 129137 Prisons II/53-3 Dated 13th July 1953.

SUB:-- JAIL - Sub-jail, Kokkirakulam - Tirunelveli District
Hunger strike by the undertrial prisoners Venkatasamy
Piramanayagam and Chinna Kasi.

Ref:-- From the Superintendent, Subjail, Kokkirakulam No. S.J.
1913/53 dated 12-6-1953 and No. S.J. 1934/53 dated
24-6-1953.

Under Rule 40-... of the Rules in the Madras Subsidiary Jail
Manual and 582-A of the Madras Prisons and Reformatory Manual,
Volume II, it is the duty of the Jail authorities concerned
to do what they reasonably can to keep prisoners in their
charge in health, and to save them from death.

Where therefore on account of hunger strike a prisoner is
likely to cause his own death, the Medical Officer may, in
his discretion, at such stage as he thinks fit direct that the
prisoner be forcibly fed, if in his opinion it is the only
means of keeping him alive. Forcible feeding should not be
attended with unnecessary violence. Until the Medical Officer
directs that the prisoner be forcibly fed, food approved by the
Medical Officer shall regularly be placed at the side of the
hunger striker for his consumption and shall be renewed periodi-
cally. In cases where nasal feeding cannot be given or
institutional treatment is necessary, the prisoners in subjails
may be sent to the District Headquarters Hospital.

p.t.c.:...:

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2. The Collector of Tirunelveli is informed that the cases of hunger strike should be handled firmly and that facilities may be provided in accordance with the provisions in the Madras Subsidiary Jail Manual without prejudice to good Administration. There is no need for the Collector to attend on the undertrial-prisoners daily and they may be left to themselves as far as possible.

J. S. SUBRAMANIAM,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To,

The Collector of Tirunelveli.

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